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**JAMESTOWN COMPANY AWARDED HONOR FOR WORKPLACE SAFETY**  
*COMMISSIONER NEELEY GIVES MICRO METALS, INC., THE SHARP AWARD*

Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development Commissioner James G. Neeley, on behalf of Governor Phil Bredesen, today awarded the SHARP Award to Micro Metals, Inc., of Jamestown, Tennessee. The Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) Award is one of the state's highest honors for workplace safety and health.

In congratulating officials of Micro Metals, Inc., Neeley said, "There are 10 companies who have received the SHARP Award. Micro Metals, Inc., is the 11<sup>th</sup> company to be recognized as a SHARP recipient. I am proud to give this award to a team that has worked hard to achieve this high honor."

Micro Metals, Inc., is a powdered-metal parts manufacturing plant. They press component parts out of powder metal using presses ranging from 1.5 tons to 550 tons. The parts are baked in sintering furnaces at 2,050 degrees Fahrenheit. The parts are machined in the secondary department, then deburred and boxed in the shipping department. Micro Metals employs 110 workers.

Designed for the smaller employers (employing fewer than 250) in high-hazard industrial classifications, the SHARP Award program provides incentives and support for companies that are approved for participation.

The main incentive for participation in the SHARP program is the desire by employers to promote a safe and healthy workplace. The program also allows employers to be removed from programmed compliance inspection lists for a period of 12 months. TOSHA consultants work with companies to develop, implement, and continually improve workplace safety and health programs.

For more information on the SHARP Award program, contact TOSHA's Consultative Services office at 1-800-325-9901.

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